

Docket No. ECV-5413CIP2CON1

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

5 In re Application of: Carpentier, et al.) Group Art Unit: 3774
Application No.: 10/729,035)
Filing Date: December 5, 2003)
10 For: FLEXIBLE HEART VALVE AND) **Customer Number: 30452**
ASSOCIATED CONNECTING BAND) Confirmation No.: 2075

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated February 14, 2008, please see the amendments and remarks below.

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Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10.

30 **Petition for Extension of Time**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants petition for an extension of time for One (1) Month to respond to the above-referenced Office Action on or before June 14, 2008. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fee of \$120 to Deposit Account No. 50-1225 (Docket No. ECV-5413CIP2CON1).